

Menominee Nation to have annual contest powwow

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The Menominee Nation contest powwow has been traditionally held every first weekend of August for as long as everybody can remember. The 2004 date for the powwow is scheduled for Thursday, August 5 through Sunday, August 8, 2004.

The draw to the Menominee Nation annual powwow are the family and friends who gather for a time of reunion. Those who live away from the Reservation come home to the Land of the Menominee to reunite with their families and friends. Since this is a contest powwow dancers, drummers and singers come from all points of Turtle Island (United States). Visitors will experience seeing the best and the finest as dancers exhibit tribute, honor and pride in their Native American heritage.

There are food and Native American craft concessions. Enjoy the fry bread - an Indian taco or some other delicacy sure to capture your senses and appetite.

This year's powwow specials include team dance, hand drum,

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College of Menominee Nation is *building* - brighter futures, hope, lives for its' students and growth for its' communities



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The College of Menominee Nation is undergoing growth both in its' student population and new additions. Featured is the two story addition to the Shirley Daly Hall. Students and staff will have four new classrooms including chemistry/geology, biology and art/science labs, a large classroom and faculty offices and workspace.

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The College of Menominee is synonymical with all that is implied in the word *GROWTH*.

What is the meaning of growth? *Webster's II, New Riverside University Dictionary* provides this definition, "...1.a. The process of growing. b. A stage in the process of growing:SIZE. c. Full development:MATURITY. 2. Development from a lower or simpler to a higher or more complex form:EVOLUTION. 3. An increase, as in size, number, value, or strength:EXPANSION... 4. Something that grows, or has grown ...5. ... and 6. The result of growth:PRODUCTION."

As the College enters its eleventh year of growth one only needs to drive by to witness the outward growth. Buildings, roads, parking lots, paved sidewalks and improvements to the water and sewer systems and the backdrop of the Menominee Indian forest combine for an exciting entrance in to what is truly significant...what is happening inside the buildings.

This growth is what is exciting for S. Verna Fowler, Ph.D., President of the College of Menominee Nation.

The College is a two-year tribal college offering associate and certificate degrees in over 17 programs.

Dr. Fowler reports, "College is expensive. People don't realize

we do keep our tuition and fees very low. We're much lower than the University of Wisconsin system. I say that because we are in one of the poorest counties in, not only the country, but - I think we vie with LCO as the poorest in the State - just by a matter of a couple dollars here and there. People don't realize what a fabulous education we can provide.

The Menominee people have to realize we have done a lot in terms of investing, protecting and saving our forest. But that's not our most important resource. Our most important resource are the people and our children. Our Tribe has gone through the trouble of inventorying our entire

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